

(d) The measures taken/planned by the Central Government to check the environmental pollution caused by leaded petrol include the following :

- (i) Low-lead petrol of 0.15 grams per litre was introduced in the four metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai with effect from 1.6.1994 and throughout the country from 1.1.1997.
- (ii) A major programme for introduction of unleaded petrol in the country is under implementation. As per this programme, unleaded petrol was introduced in the four metros of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai with effect from 1.4.1995 for new 4-wheeler petrol driven vehicles fitted with catalytic converters. In the next phase effective from 1.1.1999, the programme is planned to be extended to cover the capitals of all States and UTs and major cities in the country. Unleaded petrol is planned to be supplied through selected retail outlets in the entire country with effect from 1.4.2000.

[English]

Floriculture

3576. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote and encourage the floriculture in the country;

(b) the total area of land under floriculture at present indicating the sizeable increase in the area as compared to the previous two years;

(c) the names of countries to whom flowers are being exported presently alongwith the quantity being exported and the potential of export of flowers for the Ninth Plan Period; and

(d) the present size of condiment (masala) crop exported from the country and potential for export during the Ninth Five Year Plan Period ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The Government of India is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on Commercial Floriculture in all the States/UTs of the country at a total cost of Rs. 14.29 crores. The National Horticulture Board provides financial assistance in the form of soft loan for integrated projects on floriculture on project basis. In addition APEDA (Ministry of Commerce) has Schemes for infrastructure development and market support for floriculture projects for exports.

(b) Statistics of area under floriculture at present are not available. As per the latest figures of 1992-93 available, the total area under floriculture was 50,351 hectares which was 19,442 hectares more than the area during 1991-92

(c) Quantity-wise figures for floriculture exports are not available. However, the destination countries and the value of exports of floriculture products during 1995-96 are given in the statement attached.

Floriculture exports are expected to grow by 20 per cent annually during the Ninth Plan.

(d) The total exports of spices during the current year (till February, 1997) is 193205 MT valued at Rs. 1017.40 crores. During 1995-96 the total exports were 202197 MT valued at Rs. 785.89 crores. During Ninth Plan Period (1997 to 2002) a total export of 1142065 MT is anticipated.

Statement

Export of Floriculture

(Value Rs in lakhs)

| Country | 1995-96 Value |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1 | 2 |
| U.S.A. | 1778.05 |
| Netherland | 1280.62 |
| Germany | 774.74 |
| Japan | 609.40 |
| U.K. | 532.59 |
| Italy | 208.15 |
| Sri Lanka | 50.50 |
| France | 84.22 |
| U.A.E. | 71.21 |
| Spain | 65.97 |
| Saudi Arabia | 62.08 |
| Australia | 42.05 |
| Hongkong | 40.07 |
| Ireland | 37.25 |
| Belgium | 36.94 |
| Chines Taipei | 26.42 |
| Isreal | 25.27 |
| Egypt | 24.95 |

| 1 | 2 |
|---------------------|---------|
| Malaysia | 22.34 |
| Newzealand | 22.04 |
| Russia | 21.37 |
| Canada | 21.17 |
| Singapore | 15.85 |
| Denmark | 13.79 |
| Greece | 12.70 |
| Hungry | 12.79 |
| South Africa | 11.05 |
| Thailand | 9.90 |
| Switzerland | 8.78 |
| Quwait | 8.35 |
| Sweden | 8.33 |
| Austria | 8.30 |
| Nepal | 7.36 |
| Maldives | 7.09 |
| Quatar | 5.19 |
| Oman | 4.59 |
| Indonesia | 3.43 |
| Bahrain | 3.25 |
| China | 2.83 |
| Kenya | 2.47 |
| Portugal | 2.14 |
| Lebanon | 1.89 |
| Pakistan | 0.70 |
| Chile | 0.63 |
| Chad | 0.49 |
| Djibouti | 0.36 |
| Fed. Rep. of Ghanna | 0.28 |
| Turkey | 0.22 |
| Nigeria | 0.17 |
| American Samos | 0.09 |
| Czechoslovakia | 0.04 |
| Honduras | 0.03 |
| Production Total | 6014.16 |

Forestry Clearance

3577. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have issued any guidelines to the State Governments regarding the forest clearance of different projects in their States;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the powers entrusted to them for giving such clearance;

(c) whether any review had since been undertaken by the Government regarding the implementation and implications of these guidelines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) to (d) The Central Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments for preparing and submitting the proposal to the Government of India for seeking clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980. However, no provision exists in Forest Conservation Act, 1980 to delegate such power to the State Governments.

[Translation]

Crimes in Tihar Jail

3578. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the crimes in Tihar Jail has now been continuously increasing for the last six months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to curb the crimes there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The steps being taken to curb the crime in the Central Jail, Tihar include :—

(i) Thorough frisking of prisoners while going to court/ Hospital/Interviews and back;

(ii) Segregation of hard-core criminals from ordinary criminals;

(iii) Routine search of wards;

(iv) Organising reformative activities like education, vocational training, sports, cultural programmes, etc. on regular basis;

(v) Organising yoga and meditation courses; and

(vi) Provision of facilities for drug de-addiction and rehabilitation.